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Island Insight

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AMC Fully Integrates Guard, Reserve in Sustainment Mission

Completing the worldwide Army Materiel Command mission of providing readiness to the Army through sustainment takes a total-force effort. Delivering materiel, logistics and sustainment support, AMC ensures Soldiers around the globe have everything they need to be ready in a moment's notice. When AMC officials need critical specialties to complete a short-notice mission, they turn to Army Reserve and Army National Guard members. The augmentation of Guard and Reserve individual Soldiers provides valuable manpower and offsets gaps and shortages when sudden and drastically increased workloads occur. For example, reservists answered the call from AMC when an immediate need for two positions to provide command and control of a workforce responsible for the issue, maintenance and receipt of equipment in Bulgaria as part of the European Activity Set arose. Lt. Col. Randy Coble and Master Sgt. Tom Anderson were both contacted and then volunteered for the AMC



Upcoming Dates

Jan. 9-13: DA Photos, Bldg. 90, Basement, Rm. B11, 7:20 a.m.–3:40 p.m.

Jan. 12: Discovery Time Playgroup, Community Christian Fellowship, Moline, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Jan. 13: MVRBC Blood Drive, Lock & Dam Lounge, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Jan. 14: Historic Clock Tower Building and Eagle Watch Tour, Mississippi River Visitor Center, 10-11:30 a.m. and 12-1:30 p.m.

Jan. 16: Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday (*Federal Holiday*)

Jan. 18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 1-2 p.m.

Jan. 19: Commissary & Exchange Town Hall, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Jan. 19: Discovery Time Playgroup, Community Christian Fellowship, Moline, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Jan. 19: Military Dads, Bettendorf YMCA, 6-8 p.m.

Jan. 20: Rock Island Arsenal Factory Tour, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Jan. 20: MVRBC Blood Drive, Lock & Dam Lounge, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Jan. 20: Quad Cities and Arsenal Tours - JMTC Factory Tour, TBD

Jan. 24: Military Spouse Briefing, Bldg. 103, 1st floor Training Room, 9-11 a.m.

Jan. 25: Paintless Dent Repair, Auto Skills Shop, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Jan. 26: Newcomers Orientation and Bus Tour, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

requirement to support the Army Prepositioned Stocks effort in Bulgaria. Coble is an operations officer for the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command at Redstone Arsenal, and Anderson is an operations NCO with the Army Sustainment Command-Army Reserve Element at Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois. Coble and Anderson now lead the Army Prepositioned Stocks 2-Bulgaria workforce of Army civilians and contractors managing the equipment for about two combined arms companies. ([More](#))

DoD Issues New Guidance For Veterans Seeking Discharge Upgrades, Military Record Corrections

The Defense Department announced Friday a renewed effort to ensure veterans know how to request a review of their service records. “The department encourages all veterans who believe they have experienced an error or injustice to request relief from their service’s Board for Correction of Military/Naval Records (BCM/NR) or Discharge Review Board (DRB),” the announcement reads. Over the years, the Defense Department has released guidance related to discharges stemming from PTSD and the now-repealed “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy. The DoD also stated in its announcement that consideration resulting from separations involving sexual assault are under consideration. “With today’s announcement, the department is reaffirming its intention to review and potentially upgrade the discharge status of all individuals that are eligible and that apply,” the notice reads. ([More](#))



2-Star's Suicide Prompts Army Review of the Health of Its General Officer Corps

The Army has launched a sweeping review of the health of its general officer corps after the suicide this summer of a two-star general who was just days away from a promotion and new command. The review also comes on the heels of a series of high-profile misconduct cases involving general officers that have tarnished the Army’s reputation. Army Secretary Eric Fanning has tasked Lt. Gen. Edward Cardon, who most recently led Army Cyber Command, with looking at the overall health of the general officer corps after 15 years of war. “It’s not because we felt we had some burgeoning, endemic problem,” Fanning told Army Times Jan. 4. “It’s because one is too many, and it’s always good to take a knee, take a breath, and see if there’s something new or that has developed because something’s changed.” ([More](#))



As Obama Admin Winds Down, OPM Calls For Future Civil Service Reform

The past eight years of new hiring initiatives, workplace flexibility programs and security clearance reforms from the Office of Personnel Management have put the pieces in place for a more modern government personnel system, the agency said as it looked back on its accomplishments during the Obama administration. But OPM says future administrations should double down and begin discussing more comprehensive civil service reform. “We need to continue our work to enhance the execution of the current personnel system and set the stage for more comprehensive reforms that address structural challenges to improved government-wide performance,” Beth Cobert, the agency’s acting director, wrote in a Jan. 5 cabinet [exit memo](#). ([More](#))



At-Will Employment, Workforce Cuts and Other Bills from Congress' First Week

Lawmakers have wasted no time introducing measures to overhaul the civil service and adjust the size of the federal workforce, putting forward several pieces of legislation in the first week of the 115th Congress to make wide-ranging reforms. Perhaps most notably, Rep. Todd Rokita, R-Ind., laid out his plan to reintroduce the Promote Accountability and Government Efficiency Act to turn all new federal workers into at-will employees. First presented in October during the last session of Congress, the measure would strip new federal hires from due process protections, instead allowing supervisors to fire them without notice or the opportunity to appeal. It would also allow agencies to immediately suspend current feds without warning and would prohibit any employees not receiving top marks on their performance reviews from getting a pay raise. ([More](#))



Federal Workers Worry about Their Jobs

Federal workers nationwide are bracing for reductions in head counts, civil service protections and salaries when President-elect Donald Trump and Congress turn their attention to government spending later this year. Trump, who ran on a promise to "drain the swamp," has identified hiring freezes at most federal agencies as a top priority for his early days in office. Republican lawmakers, many of whom have long advocated for reducing Washington's workforce, are looking to cut benefits and make it easier to fire poor performers. The threats and preliminary steps taken by Congress have created anxiety for many of the government's 2.1 million employees. ([More](#))

How Federal Employee Groups Hope To Change Negative View of the Workforce

If the first week of the 115th Congress is any indication, federal employee unions and associations will have a busy year ahead of them. What they're lobbying for — higher pay raises for federal employees, more resources for agency leadership development and personnel system reforms that don't compromise due process rights or retirement benefits — aren't necessarily new requests. But both unions and federal associations hope they can change often negative dialogue surrounding the federal workforce and begin educating the new administration and Congress about its benefits. "One of the responsibilities of an organization like the Senior Executives Association is to educate the administration and the Congress about the common misconceptions of the civil service and in doing so, change the nature of the debate," Bill Valdez, the association's president, said. "Rather than it being so pejorative and negative it becomes us looking to find a constructive solution that really advances the national interests." ([More](#))



Affordable Care Act Mandates Reporting Minimum Essential Health Care Coverage

As tax season approaches, Defense Department civilians, military members, nonappropriated funds employees and their families will need to validate their minimum essential health care coverage as reported to the Internal Revenue Service, the Pentagon's top health official said in a phone interview Dec. 23. Dr. Karen S. Guice, the principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, performing duties as assistant secretary for health affairs, said the Affordable Care Act, which became law in 2010, extends the availability of health care insurance to ensure people are covered through health insurance market places or employers. Guice explained that DoD members and employees will receive a Form 1095, designated B or C. Service members and DoD civilians will use the 1095-B or 1095-C to answer health coverage questions on



their federal tax returns. These forms are used for TRICARE, the continued health care benefit program, and the federal employee health benefits plans. ([More](#))

Changes to CAC/ID Office Hours

The CAC/ID Office will be scheduled for the following dates/times: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., and 12:30-3:30 p.m. (lunch from 12-12:30 p.m. daily). Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., lunch from 12-12:30 p.m. The CAC/ID Office will be closed on Tuesday afternoons from 12:30-3:30 p.m., for training/administrative functions. As a reminder: If you require an appointment please go to <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil> or call 309-782-0596. Garrison POC is Alison Hemmert at 309-782-0453 or Kimberly Birdsong at 309-782-1526.



Annual Weingarten Notice

It is time once again for the annual reminder of Weingarten Rights provided by 5 USC 7114. The information below applies to all bargaining unit employees: An exclusive representative of an appropriate unit in an agency shall be given the opportunity to be represented at any examination of an employee in the unit by a representative of the agency in connection with an investigation if the employee reasonably believes that the examination may result in disciplinary action against the employee, and the employee requests representation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your labor relations specialist or ombudsman.



Historic Clock Tower Building and Eagle Watch Tours

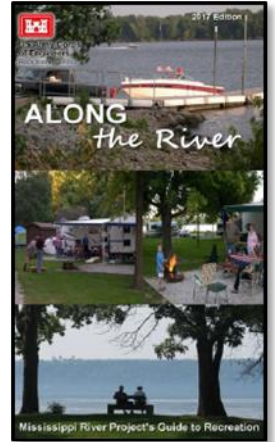
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District's Mississippi River Visitor Center at Locks and Dam 15 on Arsenal Island is offering free eagle watches and Clock Tower Building tours on Saturday, **Jan. 14** and **28**, and **Feb. 4** and **11** at 10-11:30 a.m. and 12-1:30 p.m. The tours will last approximately 1½ hours and will be guided by a Corps park ranger. Learn about the Historic Clock Tower Building as you climb the stairs to the top. Waiting there is a spectacular view of the Mississippi River where you will have the opportunity to see Bald Eagles who visit the area during the cold winter months. The tours will begin at the Mississippi River Visitor Center, located on the western end of Arsenal Island at Locks and Dam 15. You must check in with the ranger staff upstairs in the Visitor Center when you arrive for the tour. The tour is outside for a short duration of time so plan and dress accordingly; good walking shoes are also recommended as the tour will involve walking up 12 flights of stairs at a moderate pace. The tours are free of charge and everyone is invited to attend. An adult must accompany children younger than 12 years of age. Space is limited and reservations are required by calling 309-794-5338. Visit <http://go.usa.gov/c9AZF> for more information.



New 2017 Along The River Guide To Recreation

Each year the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District's Mississippi River Project publishes an updated version of the Along the River guide to recreation. This year's 2017 edition is available and offers information on Corps campgrounds, boat ramps, and day use areas. Information about volunteering, where to purchase an America the Beautiful Pass, and upcoming events can also be found in this guide. Finally, the guide showcases the many things to see and do from Potosi, Wisconsin, all the way to Saverton, Missouri. Look for a copy of the "ATR" next time you visit one of the Corps' recreation areas. If you would like to receive a free copy of this annual publication, please email your name and address to mvrodmn15@usace.army.mil and we will mail you a copy. A digital copy is also available on their website at

www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Mississippi-River-Project.



Outdoor Show and RV Camping Show

If thumbing through the Along the River is getting you excited about the warmer months ahead, then you might enjoy visiting with the Corps' ranger staff and gearing up for summer at this year's Outdoor Show and RV Camping Show at the QCCA Expo Center in Rock Island. Corps rangers will be on hand to provide information on all the recreational opportunities their project has to offer. They will have annual day use passes available for sale so that boaters can get ready for the season by purchasing their boat ramp sticker early. America the Beautiful Passes will also be available at these shows. The Outdoor Show will be held **Feb. 16-19**. The RV Camping Show will be the following weekend on **Feb. 24-26**. For more information on these shows check out the website www.qccaexpoenter.com.

Volunteers Needed at Corps of Engineers Parks

The Corps of Engineers Mississippi River Project is [seeking volunteers to fill positions in parks](#) located along the Mississippi River from Potosi, Wisconsin to New Boston, Illinois. The volunteer positions will run from May through October. Positions include campground host, maintenance, mowing, administrative, and visitor center volunteers. Volunteers will work an average of 21 hours per week and be provided all the equipment and supplies needed to complete work in the parks. Volunteers may be provided a campsite with electric hook-up and water service. For more information contact one of the Corps' ranger offices in [Dubuque](#), [Thomson](#), [Muscatine](#), or the [Mississippi River Visitor Center](#).



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
Rock Island District

VIOS Schedule for January, February

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government Passport and Command Photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal on **Jan. 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13**, and **Feb. 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17**. Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA Form 3903 Work Request using the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#) for the available times: 7:20 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" on the [VIOS site](#) for more information. Walk-in appointments are not available. Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 90, Basement, Room B11). Priority is: 1. Active Duty Soldier's DA photos; 2. Official Government passport photos; 3. Official command photos; 4. DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 8"x10" head and shoulders - Command Photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in VIOS. All scheduled dates can be found on the [RIA VIOS website](#)

Blood Drives

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the room outside the Lock and Dam Lounge (in Bldg. 60), on **Friday, Jan. 13 & 20, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to email SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at 563-359-5401, ext. 119. 2nd Shift Blood Drive at JMTC, **Friday, Jan. 13**, in the JMTC cafeteria beginning at 6:30 p.m. Donors should see their Supervisor to sign up. Vista Technical Services will host a blood drive **Wednesday, Feb. 8, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**, at in the MVRBC Donor Bus parked in front of Bldg. 350. To donate, please contact Paula Johnson at 309-782-0562 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org and use code 1841 to locate the drive.



Charlie Corpuscle says, *"Thirty four percent of red cells are used exclusively for cancer patients; please considering donating blood regularly."*



The Army encourages its employees to volunteer as candidates for any of the variety of medical donor programs, including blood, bone marrow, and organ donor/transplant programs. For additional information [click here](#).

Davenport Central HS Army JROTC 10th Annual "Blue Devil" Raider Challenge

The "Blue Devil" Battalion is sponsoring the 10th Annual Blue Devil Raider Challenge at Brady Street Stadium on **Saturday, May 13**. The challenge is an opportunity for the Raider teams to compete in physical fitness events, adventure training challenges, and develop camaraderie. We anticipate approximately 100-110 participants: 40-50 raiders, 50 cadet volunteers, parents, and guardians. Five schools from the Midwest are planning to participate in the competition. The challenge is comprised of five major events: Army Physical Fitness Test (push-ups, sit ups, 2-mile run), Rope Bridge, Raider Skills Course (five events), a surprise event, and 10K Road March. The Raider Challenge site is located at Brady Street Stadium. Temporary lodging (space/cots) will be provided for Raider teams on May 12 at the National Guard Armory on 3615 N. Brady Street. The Armory is next to Brady Street Stadium. The challenge will start approximately 6 a.m. on Saturday and award ceremony at 3 p.m.; at Brady Street Stadium; the public is welcome.



Arsenal Island Employee Local Discounts

The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees — **Scrub Pub of Bettendorf:** Enjoy the lowest priced Drop-Off Laundry service in the area and receive a 10 percent discount at 2124 State Street, Bettendorf, by showing your ID. While performing your own laundry, you can enjoy a variety of food, drinks, and beer. **AT&T Wireless:** As a service member of the U.S. Army you could be saving 15 percent on the monthly service charge of qualified wireless plans. Visit your local AT&T store at 4500 16th Street, (inside SouthPark Mall) Moline or 3120 E. 53rd street, Davenport, or to purchase online, visit att.com/wireless/USArmy If you visit a local AT&T store, please have proof of eligibility. Mention Discount Code: FAN2421660. **Infinity Salon & Spa:** Located at 220 W 3rd St. in Davenport, we offer 15 percent off services for military and the Arsenal Island workforce. We are a full service salon: hair, manicure, pedicures, massage, waxing, facials, for men, women, and children. Eligible personnel only need to show a military or work ID. **New Life Chiropractic Clinic:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off its services located at 2500 18th Street in Bettendorf. **Chocolate Manor:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off their total

purchase on any of our award winning homemade chocolates at 110 E. 2nd St., Davenport, just show your ID. **Roosters Sports Bar and Grill:** All military and civilian's get 10 percent off their bill. Come head down for lunch at 2130 3rd Ave., Rock Island, new specials daily. **Peachwave Frozen Yogurt:** Peachwave, 3431 Devils Glen Rd., Bettendorf, offers a 10 percent discount every day to all military and veterans. *This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*

Arsenal Traffic/Construction

RIA Family Housing Construction Begins, Road, Parking Lot Closures Scheduled

The construction of the Army Family Housing project on RIA east of the Davenport House began Nov. 7. The construction includes road and partial parking lot closures. There are signs at Hillman St. and Whittemore St. informing drivers that no through-traffic is allowed and that the streets have no outlet during construction. Drivers are directed to use Davenport Drive to visit the Davenport House. The US Army Corps of Engineers is managing the Army Family Housing construction project on RIA east of the Davenport House for a **period of 540 working days**.

Update Repair Gillespie Street

On Sept. 6, Public Works began making repairs to Gillespie Street. The road is closed between Blunt Road and the north entrance to Bldg 312. We encourage pedestrians to avoid this area, but they may use the west sidewalk along Gillespie to the south entrance of Bldg. 312 and then cross over to the golf cart path proceeding onto Ramsey Road. If safety becomes an issue, the area will be closed to pedestrian traffic. Orange safety fence is installed around the perimeter of the work area. Please use caution when traveling near the area and be aware of extra truck traffic traveling to the construction site.

Notice for Repair of Gillespie Street

On Aug. 15, the Directorate of Public Works began making repairs to Gillespie Street. The work is being accomplished in multiple phases. Phase I includes the repaving of Gillespie Street from Blunt Road to the north edge of the south entrance to Bldg. 312. Phase II is from the south entrance to North Avenue. Work includes paving, curb and gutter, storm drainage and sidewalk replacement. The project is expected to last approximately **four months** depending on weather. Orange safety fence are installed around the perimeter of the work area. Signs and barricades are in use to detour traffic. Please use caution when traveling near the area.

Parking Area Lot Closed Near Bldg. 350

On Oct. 17, the Directorate of Public Works began a project to repair the emergency generators located in Parking Lot 3L northeast of Bldg. 350. The work includes replacement of an existing generator that feeds critical loads in Bldg. 350. The new generator will be located along the north edge of the parking which requires closing approximately 40 parking spaces during construction. The project is scheduled to be completed by **Friday, July 14**.

Rock Island Viaduct Sidewalk Closed to Pedestrians

"Sidewalk Closed" signs have been erected at either end of the Rock Island Viaduct sidewalk. These signs were placed because of the tripping hazard that the condition of the sidewalk presents. Attached illustration indicates the suggested alternative route (STR276 American Discovery Trail and Pedestrian Bridge) during the closure.



Building/Space Closures



There are no announcements at this time.



Active Duty/Reserve Zone



Almost a Million Current Military Personnel Are Expected To Opt For 'Blended' Retirement System

More than 740,000 currently serving active-duty members and 176,000 drilling Reserve and National Guard personnel are expected to opt in to the new Blended Retirement System when the choice becomes available in 2018 to military members with fewer than 12 years of service. The opt-in estimates are the product of a "dynamic retention" computer model developed by RAND Corp. and used to predict how personnel will react to a new retirement choice. The BRS was designed by the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission and approved by Congress last year after lawmakers tweaked a few features. The number of current members who will opt to leave their "High-3" retirement plan with its higher lifetime value for the near-term rewards and flexible features of the BRS is important to Department of Defense Board of Actuaries. ([More](#))

Soldier for Life - Transition Assistance Program Virtual Center

The Soldier for Life - Transition Assistance Program (SFL-TAP) Virtual Center is an immersive, three-dimensional, online environment where Soldiers can receive transition and education services normally provided at a brick-and-mortar SFL-TAP Center. The Virtual Center online portal offers access to instructors teaching live classes. With a high-speed internet connection and a Virtual Center account, visitors can maneuver through the software using a customized avatar. SFL-TAP career counselors conduct individual counseling sessions inside the Virtual Center to assist transitioning Soldiers and clients. The Virtual Center provides 24/7 assistance, as well as online classes offered at scheduled times. Clients can type to communicate, talk to a counselor through a microphone, and participate in live classes. ([More](#))

Military Spouse Briefings

Come join us if you have incoming/outgoing military members/staff, if you are in the military with a spouse, or if you are a military spouse looking for placement opportunities. The Rock Island Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is offering two informational briefings on the Military Spouse Program; how it works and what it has to offer. The briefings will include a program overview,

program eligibility and the program requirements along with the documentation requirements and application process for potential placement consideration. In addition, if the military member and spouse are departing, you will receive information on the options available at that time. The Informational Briefings will be held in Bldg. 103, in the 1st floor Training Room. Space is limited so reservations are required. The briefing dates are:

- **Tuesday, Jan. 24**, 9-11 a.m. (reserve your seat no later than **Jan. 12**)
- **Tuesday, Feb. 21**, 9-11 a.m. (reserve your seat no later than **Feb. 9**)

Reserve your seat by calling Ragina Smith, human resources specialist, at 309-782-1305.

Safety Spotlight



**ARMY SAFE
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Protect Your Skin in the Colder Months

It's cold outside and you might think that sun protection is for the summer. Even though the temperature is cooler, the sun is still powerful, so continue to wear sunscreen with sun protective factor (SPF) of at least 15 with both UVA and UVB protection every day. Though you may want that sun-kissed look year round, you should stay away from indoor tanning. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, every time you tan you are increasing your risk of skin cancer and causing your skin to age prematurely. It's not just the sun that you have to worry about as the weather gets colder. Frostbite, an injury to the body caused by freezing is another concern. Frostbite causes a loss of feeling and color in affected areas, according to the CDC. It most often affects the nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers, or toes. Frostbite can permanently damage the body, and even lead to amputation of a limb. ([More](#))



Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance

First Army's Equal Opportunity Office invites the Arsenal Island workforce to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance on **Wednesday, Jan. 18**, at 1-2 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Joseph D. Williamson, III, pastor of the [Second Baptist Church](#) in Rock Island. For additional information or accommodations please contact [Sgt. First Class Jose Vazquez](#), First Army EOA, 309-782-9238. Williamson has instituted several ministries to the Second Baptist Church, which has caused the congregation to grow physically and spiritually. His accomplishments including having the church's Family Life Center built and then dedicated in September 2002. He has also implemented a Board of Christian Education, which with his guidance, sees that the spiritual education of the congregation is available to all, especially through the spring and Fall Christian Education School. In addition, he has made the church very handicapped accessible, with emphasis on the children of the church, from a nursery being established to the Youth



Outreach Ministry and Van Ministry. Williamson's education includes earning his diploma at Lincoln High School, in East St. Louis, Illinois; his bachelor's degree in political science from Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois; law degree from Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University, Houston; and studies at Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Grove, Mo. He was ordained in 1993 at St. Paul Baptist Church, in East St. Louis, and accepted the call to Second Baptist Church in Rock Island on Aug. 21, 1993. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is an American federal holiday marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year, which is around King's birthday, Jan. 15. King was the chief spokesman for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years later. The 2016 presidential proclamation read – "We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now," Dr. King once said. As the most diverse country on Earth, ensuring this creed is reflected in our hearts, minds, and policies is the imperative of our citizenship. As Americans of all races and beliefs come together on this day of service to honor the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., let us pledge to recognize the common humanity of all people, regardless of the color of their skin or the station into which they were born.

Save the Date

The African American/Black History Month Observance will take place on **Tuesday, Feb. 14**, at 1 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. Food samplings will be available 12:30-1 p.m.

Morale, Welfare & Recreation



Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

Visit the MWR website at www.riamwr.com for information on all MWR programs.

Basketball and Volleyball League Sign Up

The Rock Island Arsenal fitness center is looking for teams or individuals interested in playing in the upcoming basketball and volleyball leagues. Cost for basketball is \$240 per team, Co-Ed volleyball is \$175 per team. Please sign up at the fitness center or contact Brandon at 309-782-5124 for more information.

Paintless Dent Repair Service Available

The always popular paintless dent repair technician will be available for repairs on **Wednesday, Jan. 25**, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Auto Skills Shop. If you have small dings, dents and other imperfections in your vehicle it may be possible to have them fixed without the excessive costs of more traditional body work. Call 309-782-8631 for more information and to schedule an appointment. ([Flyer](#))

Self Defense Seminar

Self Defense Seminar will be held on **Saturday, Jan. 28**, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., at the Fitness Center. The prices are \$25 per person and \$40 per couples/pairs. Become aware of self-defense techniques

in a safe environment with a certified combatives instructor. Learn basic self-defense skills and how not to be a target. 18 years of age or older. ([Flyer](#))

RIA Health Fair 2017

Save the date — **Wednesday, Feb. 15**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., the Health Fair will be held at the fitness center, Bldg. 67. Come take in all the fun, valuable information that local businesses hand out concerning health and wellness. You don't want to miss it so be sure to put it on your calendar and join in the great event.

MWR Events Planning Needs Assessment

As we continually try to adapt our programs and events to best meet your recreation and leisure needs, we have developed a short eight question survey. Please consider taking a moment to fill out this survey to let us know what programs and events that we currently offer that you enjoy, as well as identifying new programs, events or services that you would like to see offered in the future. The survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RIAMWR2016>

RIA Fitness Classes

The Fitness Center will begin the New Year with a great line up of fitness classes. Start your year out right with Zumba, Spinning, Row/Core, Total RX, Train Dirty Kick, Buttz and Gutz, Yoga, and Amp it up classes. Check out the MWR website for full descriptions and times offered. Time to commit to fit and a healthier you. First class is free for those who have not tried the class. Drop in fees are \$3 per class or punch cards are available for your convenience and a great gift for someone to begin a healthy new year. ([Website](#))



MWR Leisure Travel Office



Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Bldg. 333. The office is closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., 309-782-5890. ([email](#)) ([website](#))



RIA FMWR Storage Units

Outdoor Recreation has several Storage Units available for immediate occupancy. Each unit is approx. 10' x 15'. The cost is \$80 per month. Please call 309-782-8630 for more details or to sign up.

World's Toughest Rodeo

Cinch World's Toughest Rodeo has doubled up on preshow fun as the event will opens at 6 p.m. for a free preshow as we invite fans to "get down in the dirt." Come early and partake in the interactive activities for all ages including pony rides, all access meet and greet with cowboys and entertainers, hop in the clown's barrel for photos, sit on Midnight the bull in the bucking chutes, or get up close and personal with the Cinch World's Toughest Rodeo animal superstars as our staff host behind the chutes tours. The entire arena will overflow with fantastic activities all new for 2017 from 6-7 p.m. Leisure Travel has discounted seating for both Friday and Saturday shows. • **Friday, Jan. 27**, at

7:30 p.m.; Section 102, rows 11 & 12, adult \$35.50, children 12 under \$21.75, Section 201, rows 2, 3 & 4, adult \$25.50, children 12 under \$16.75. • **Saturday, Jan. 28**, at 7:30 p.m.; Section 102, rows 11 & 12, \$35.50 adult/child, Section 202, rows 2, 3 & 4 \$25.50 adult/child. Tickets on sale through Leisure Travel until **Monday, Jan. 16**.

Ghost the Musical

On **Saturday, Feb. 18**, doors open at 5:45 p.m. at Circa 21 presents: Ghost – adapted from the hit film by its Academy Award-winning screenwriter, Bruce Joel Rubin, Ghost the Musical follows Sam and Molly, a young couple whose connection takes a shocking turn after Sam's untimely death. Trapped between two worlds, Sam refuses to leave Molly when he learns she is in grave danger. Desperate to communicate with her, he turns to a storefront psychic, Oda Mae Brown, who helps him protect Molly and avenge his death. Leisure Travel has discounted tickets at \$47.75 on sale until **Saturday, Feb. 4**.

WWE Live Road to Wrestlemania

WWE Live Road to Wrestlemania, **Saturday, Feb. 25**, at 7:30 p.m. – WWE returns to the Quad Cities for the first time in 2017. Leisure Travel has discounted seating on sale; Section 105, Row 9, seats 1-15; Section 110, Row 10, seats 1-15; \$36.50 per ticket; and Section 104, Row 12, seats 1-16; Section 104, Row 13, seats 1-16, \$48.50 per ticket. See your favorite WWE Superstars including: John Cena, AJ Styles, Dean Ambrose, Randy Orton, Bray Wyatt, Becky Lynch, Nikki Bella, The Miz, Dolph Ziggler, The Usos, and many more (card subject to change).



Child & Youth Services



Child & Youth Services provides a full range of child care programs and services for children ages six weeks through senior year in high school. Services include full-day, part-day, hourly, pre-k, school outs, summer programming, sports and fitness, and instructional classes. All CYS programs/facilities will be closed all federal holidays, CYS CDC/CD Home/FCC staff in-service day and any other additional days/installation closures approved by the garrison commander. Fees will not be reduced, refunded, or prorated for these days. ([Website](#)) ([Facebook](#))

Pre-Registration Period for 2017 Summer Day Camp

The Department of Defense has a new online resource; <https://www.MilitaryChildCare.com>, that will help streamline the process of getting childcare now through **Tuesday, Jan. 31**. This secure Department of Defense website provides a single gateway for you to find comprehensive information on military-operated or military-approved child care programs worldwide. With [MilitaryChildCare.com](https://www.MilitaryChildCare.com), you create an account and maintain a family profile that you can access at any time from any location. The profile stores your basic information such as sponsor name, contact information, family type, and child data. With this profile you can conduct a customized search for a wide range of child care options, request care across services, submit unlimited requests for care, and remain on waitlists for a preferred program even after being offered care by another program. By improving and simplifying the child care search process, [MilitaryChildCare.com](https://www.MilitaryChildCare.com) helps you make informed decisions about your child care needs. We highly encourage you to make an account

on MilitaryChildCare.com now so that you're ready to apply for the extremely popular RIA Summer Day Camp Program when registration opens at 9 a.m. on **Wednesday, Feb. 1**. For more info or help with MilitaryChildCare.com please call 309-782-0791. For more info on the Summer Day Camp Program please call 309-782-5019. ([Flyer](#))

Army Community Service



ACS is located in Bldg. 110, 1st floor SE; [Visit our ACS website](#) or phone 309-782-0829. Call ahead for special accommodations when attending ACS classes. [Find us on Facebook click here](#). 24/7 Sexual Assault Hotline: **309-229-8412**.

Rock Island Arsenal Factory Tour

Newcomers (within the last 18 months), families of deployed military and civilians and multicultural families are invited to join the Relocation Assistance Program **Friday, Jan. 20**, at 9:30 a.m., for these fun and informative tours of local attractions and points of interest. This month we will be visiting our very own factory here at the Arsenal. Come take a tour of the lifeblood of the Arsenal and learn about its various products and processes. RSVP by **Friday, Jan. 13**, by calling 309-782-0829. ([Flyer](#))

Relocation Readiness

Moving is a part of life for Soldiers, civilian government employees, and their Families. The Army Community Service Relocation Readiness Program is here to help with a comprehensive support system, whether it's your first move or the last of many. We have all kinds of information and resources to help you and your family navigate your next military move. Your first stop should be your local Army Community Service family center to meet with a relocation readiness program manager who can get you started. Relocation Readiness Program resources include: pre-arrival information, lending closet, newcomer orientation, welcome packet, relocation counseling, citizenship and immigration services, host nation orientation, foreign language and foreign cultural information, mandatory overseas orientations, hearts apart (waiting families program), and services for multicultural families. For more information please contact the relocation assistance program manager in your Army Community Service Center at 309-782-0816.

Army Family Action Plan

AFAP is your platform to voice quality-of-life issues, feedback, ideas, and suggestions. It's the best way to let Army leadership know about what works, what doesn't, and how you think problems can be resolved. We give active and Reserve component Soldiers, Army civilians, Retirees, survivors, and Family members a primary tool to help identify issues and concerns and shape your standards of living. The information you submit gives Army leadership insight and helps foster a satisfied, informed, and resilient Army community. To date, 698 issues have entered AFAP, 529 issues have been completed, 161 issues were considered unattainable, and eight active issues are being worked by the Army staff. AFAP has been a driving force behind 129 pieces of legislation, 188 policy changes (DoD & Army), and 212 improved programs and services. You can submit and learn more about issues at your garrison's Army Community Service office in Bldg. 110, 1st Floor, SE corner, or online at Army OneSource.

Army Volunteer Corps

AVC volunteers make a meaningful difference in the lives of Soldiers and their Families every day. Army Volunteer Corps is designed to help you find local volunteering opportunities with organizations that benefit the Army community. The AVC has redefined volunteering within the Army. We embrace existing volunteer programs, unite all volunteers who support Soldiers and Families, including the active force, National Guard and Army Reserve, and formalize the Army's commitment to volunteerism. No matter where people volunteer in the Army community, they usually want to contribute to Soldiers and their Family members. We recognize this common goal and want to help you find the right opportunity for you. Volunteering helps your community and helps you as well. When you participate with AVC, you'll:

- Gain a sense of satisfaction/achievement by meeting challenges
- Learn about the Army, our sister services, and the community
- Acquire new skills and/or expand old ones
- Obtain work experience
- Build new friendships and become a cohesive part of the community

Contact your local Army Volunteer Coordinator within your Army Community Service Center to register and learn about volunteer opportunities across the Army, 309-782-0816.

Employee Assistance Program



ASAP/EAP is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor; visit our [ASAP/EAP website](#) or phone 309-782-4357 or 309-782-HELP. Office hours are from 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. After Hour Emergencies: 309-782-6116. Rock Island Arsenal Emergency Services will contact an EAP counselor who will call you back promptly. In addition, [a list of our classes & groups with dates, locations, and times, is located here](#). [Find us on Facebook click here](#).

Grief Support Group

Have you been struggling with the recent loss of a loved one? The EAP welcomes you to attend confidential group sessions to share your feelings with others who are experiencing the same emotions and challenges to daily living. Participants will receive support and companionship from others while learning about the grieving process. Groups will be held each **Tuesday** from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the EAP in Bldg. 56, Room 104; to RSVP call 309-782-4357.

Education/Training Review



The Rock Island Army Education Center is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, west end of the building. Office hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. Phone: 309-782-2065 Fax: 309-782-7901. [Please visit our website to learn more](#).

Education Interest Survey - January 2017

In accordance with AR 621-5, the Garrison's Army Continuing Education Services office is required to administer an education survey to all military personnel on the installation every three years. Currently we have a Memorandum of Understanding with St. Ambrose University which allows us to offer college courses on the installation at a reduced rate. For these reasons, the education survey has been developed for all military members and federal civilian employees on RIA. All responses are voluntary and anonymous; they will be tallied and taken into consideration when making decisions regarding educational choices at RIA. To help us meet the educational needs of the Rock Island Arsenal population, please take the time to complete this survey at the link below. You may need to use "Firefox" verses "Internet Explorer" to access the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NXR56D6> If you are unable to access the link please let me know and I will send you a word document to be filled out – your opinion counts.

If you have any questions, please contact 309-782-2065.

Pre-Retirement Briefing

Did you know... it is mandatory that all Soldiers receive a pre-retirement briefing between the retirement application submission date and 120 days before the retirement date or start date of transition leave? – AR 600-8-7, Paragraph 3-1. Upcoming briefing dates are: **Feb. 3, May 5, Aug. 11, and Nov. 3, 2017**. Schedule attendance to the next RIA Pre-Retirement Brief by calling 309-782-7780 or email usarmy.ria.usag.mbx.hrm-tsm@mail.mil.

Virtual Higher Education Track Classes

This course is designed to guide you through the variety of decisions involved in choosing a degree program, academic institution, and funding considerations as well as completing the admissions process. The purpose is to provide educational support services to transitioning service members and Family members. Transitioning service members have priority, but this course is open to all service members and Family members. Each session is four hours a day for two days. Please call our office at 309-782-2065 to be scheduled. These will take place in Room 122, first floor, Bldg. 56, on the following dates: • Thursday-Friday, **Feb. 16-17**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.; • Wednesday-Thursday, **May 17-18**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.; • Wednesday-Thursday, **Sept. 27-28**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.; and • Wednesday-Thursday, **Dec. 13-14**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

RIA Welcome Club Scholarship Applications Now Available

The Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club scholarship applications are now available. Applications are available online at www.riawc.com or on post at the Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop (Bldg. 60 basement) or the Education Center (Bldg. 56.) There are two applications: high school seniors and continuing education students. The merit-based scholarship is open to applicants who have not previously received an RIAWC scholarship and who meet the RIA affiliation qualifications set forth in the application. Completed applications must be postmarked by **Wednesday, March 1**. Questions can be sent to Scholarship Chair Nicole Kirschmann RIAWCscholarships@yahoo.com.

RIA SAMC Scholarship

RIA SAMC Scholarship Applications Now Available the Rock Island Arsenal Sergeant Audie Murphy scholarship applications are now available. Applications are available at the Education Center (Bldg. 56.) There is one application: high school senior students. The merit-based scholarship is open to applicants who have not previously received an RIA SAMC scholarship and who meet the RIA affiliation qualifications set forth in the application. Completed applications must

be postmarked by **Wednesday, March 1**. Questions can be sent to Scholarship Chair Joseph Wertz riaaudiemurphy@gmail.com or joseph.s.wertz.mil@mail.mil.

Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund Scholarship

The Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund is pleased to announce that our 2017 scholarship application is now available. You can access the online application and instructions at <https://feea.org/our-programs/scholarships>. The application deadline is 2 p.m. CST on **Monday, March 27**. Since 1986, FEEA has offered scholarships to more than 10,000 individuals, including providing nearly 200 scholarships to the children of federal civilian employees who died or were severely injured in the line of duty during the terrorist attacks on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, the Pentagon on 9-11, and the US Embassies and Consulates in Kenya, Tanzania, and Libya. Collectively our scholarship program to date totals over \$14 million. FEEA champions the pursuit of higher education and each year supports over 200 students with merit-based scholarships. This program, and all of FEEA's programs, are made possible by our generous individual and organizational sponsors who donate and pledge to CFC #11185 each year.

NDIA Scholarship

The Iowa Illinois Chapter NDIA is accepting applications for its one-year \$2,000 scholarship. This scholarship is available to high school senior students of the NDIA chapter members and civilian and military employees on Arsenal Island. Scholarship applications can be found at www.ndia-ia-il.org. Applications must be postmarked no later than **Friday, April 14**. Call 563-650-3252 for additional information.

Sgt. Paul Fisher Scholarship

The Iowa Illinois Chapter NDIA is accepting applications for its one-year \$2,000 SGT Paul Fisher scholarship. This scholarship is available high school seniors of active military, Reserve, National Guard, or veteran in zip codes 61200-61699 in Illinois and 50000-52899 in Iowa. Scholarship applications can be found at www.ndia-ia-il.org. Applications must be postmarked no later than **Friday, April 14**. Call 563-650-3252 for additional information.



The [Rock Island Commissary](#) and the [Exchange](#) are for active duty military and retirees only. There are exceptions for select items (mainly consumable) at the Exchange that can be purchased by Arsenal Island employees with ID. The Commissary makes fresh fruit baskets daily for you. Shopping for someone who has everything? Problem solved. They are hungry for fresh fruit. Just buy them a fruit basket and relax. Ask our friendly staff to make you one or order one in advance. Check out local specials and get POC information [here](#). For information on this and other Commissaries, visit: www.commissaries.com ([Facebook](#))

If you would like to be placed on our email contact list to receive periodic information on events happening at your Rock Island Arsenal Commissary, please email us at: rockislandarsenal.commissary@deca.mil and type 'Subscribe' in the subject line.

2017 Brings More Commissary Savings, Healthy Choices

As the calendar flips to 2017, commissary shoppers can easily resolve to save more and eat healthier by not only taking advantage of special in-store promotions and coupons, but also checking out the Defense Commissary Agency's new Nutrition Guide Program. "Your commissary is always here to help you eat healthier and also save even more on all your favorite name-brand products," said Tracie Russ, DeCA's director of sales. "Speaking of healthy, football parties can easily take a healthy twist: try tacos with ground turkey or white chicken chili that's just as hearty and spicy as any recipe your mom passed along," Russ said. Shoppers can find these ideas on the Healthy Eats page, along with the commissary sales flyer, which features discounted items and healthy recipe ideas. Throughout January, DeCA's industry partners, vendors, suppliers and brokers are collaborating with commissaries to offer discounts beyond everyday savings. Overseas stores may have substituted events for certain promotional programs. ([More](#))

\$1,000 in Gift Cards Up For Grabs in Latest Exchange Sweepstakes

Just in time for the "big game," the Army & Air Force Exchange Service and Mars are giving military shoppers the opportunity to win one of 10 shopping sprees. The Big Game Party sweepstakes will award a \$100 Exchange gift card to 10 lucky shoppers worldwide. "A \$100 Exchange gift card can go a long way to help football fans suit up for the 'big game,'" said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Luis Reyes, Exchange senior enlisted advisor. "Whether its tailgate fixings or the latest electronics, authorized shoppers will find it with no sales tax at their Exchange." Through **Jan. 19**, authorized shoppers 18 and older may enter at www.shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes. No purchase is necessary, and a winner will be announced on or about **Jan. 26**. ([More](#))

Arsenal Archive

Information for the Arsenal Archive is made available by the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The Museum is open to the public, Tuesday through Saturday, 12-4 p.m. Closed Sundays and Mondays, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free. ([website](#))

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – Jan. 9-15

The mission of the RIA was significantly expanded in Jan. 11, 1962, when several of the tool and equipment engineering and assembly functions formerly performed by Rossford Ordnance Depot were transferred to the Rock Island Arsenal. Initially the Rock Island Ordnance Depot received this mission, but in May 1962 the RIA established a Tool and Equipment Division that assumed responsibility for tool and equipment engineering activities. In January 1976, Army Management Engineering Training Agency (AMETA) personnel took possession of Storehouse "K" (Bldg. 56). The remodeled building became the AMETA Annex, housing offices, and classrooms.

Healthbeat



New Year, New Fitness Goals

Do you make a New Year's resolution every year to "get in shape" and then approach year's end dissatisfied? The problem might be that fitness is a long-term goal that's hard to keep in focus. Goals that seem more in reach often feel more desirable (for example, money, food, or a finish line) than ones that seem further away. For example, when you're at the end of a race and can see the finish line in front of you, you'll probably see the finish line as closer than it really is. However, runners who are less fit and less motivated estimate the distance to a finish line as farther than do runners who are fit and highly motivated. Whether or not the goal is actually closer, believing that it is triggers excitement and fuels effort towards achieving the goal. That's all well and good if you're already out running that race, but sometimes getting off the couch is the hardest thing to do when you're out of shape. And even if you want to get in shape, your poor fitness can affect whether you believe you can achieve your fitness goals. ([More](#))

Notes for Veterans



VA Urges National and Local Partners to Act Now to End Veteran Homelessness

Robert A. McDonald, Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Secretary today announced a concentrated 30-day effort by VA staff and partners to house as many homeless Veterans in their communities as possible. To accomplish this, Secretary McDonald charged VA's network of federal, local and nongovernmental partners to target available housing and supportive services to the nation's most vulnerable Veterans. Secretary McDonald made the announcement from Los Angeles, the city with the most homeless Veterans last year, during a forum with community leaders. Since 2010, ongoing efforts to assist Veterans who lack stable housing have resulted in a 47-percent reduction in homelessness among Veterans. Between 2015 and 2016 alone, Veteran homelessness decreased by 17 percent – four times the previous year's decline. While these statistics indicate that the efforts of VA and its partners are producing successful outcomes for many Veterans, more must be done to accelerate progress. "We have made significant progress in dramatically reducing homelessness among Veterans in recent years, but we know there is more to be done," Secretary McDonald said. "For the next 30-days – during a time of year when temperatures in many parts of the country can become dangerously cold – I challenge VA and all of our partners to strategically target available resources to help our nation's homeless Veterans. Together, we can find where the needs are greatest among Veterans in each community and ensure that every Veteran has access to safe, permanent housing." ([More](#))

Around the Q.C.



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Jan. 11: [Davenport Parks and Recreation's Parks Job Fair](#) (River's Edge, 700 W River Dr, Davenport)
Jan. 13: [Putnam Museum's 150th Anniversary Photo Event](#) (Putnam Museum)
Jan. 13: [Davenport Autism & Asperger's Conference with Dr. Temple Grandin](#) (RiverCenter)
Jan. 13-16: [16th annual Be a Tourist in Your Own Backyard Weekend](#) (Greater Quad Cities)
Jan. 14: [5th Annual Icestravaganza](#) (Freight House Farmers' Market)
Jan. 14: [City of Bettendorf Presents Winter Carnival 2017](#) (Various locations across Bettendorf)
Jan. 14: [5th Annual Icestravaganza](#) (Freight House Farmer's Market)
Jan. 14: [Martin Luther King Celebration](#) (Centennial Hall, Augustana College)
Jan. 16: [34th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Service](#) (Rock Island Martin Luther King Jr. Center)
Jan. 14: [Go Bananas For Reading](#) (Quad City Botanical Center)
Jan. 15: [Taste of LeClaire / Wings & Things Eagle Presentation](#) (LeClaire, Iowa)
Jan. 15-17: [25th Quad Cities Farm Show](#) (QCCA)
Jan. 18: [12th Annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Putt-A-Round](#) (RiverCenter)
Jan. 18: [Guerrilla Girls at Augustana](#) (Augustana College Centennial Hall, 3703 7th Ave, Rock Island)
Jan. 20-22: [Rod and Custom Show](#) (QCCA)
Jan. 28: [8th Annual Hand-in-Hand Chili Cook-off](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
Jan. 28: [Jaycees of the Quad Cities Bridal Expo](#) (RiverCenter)
Jan. 29: [37th Annual Motorcycle Parts Swapmeet](#) (QCCA)
Jan. 29: [The Chocolate Experience](#) (Quad City Botanical Center)
Feb. 3: [Bacon & Beer Festival](#) (RiverCenter)
Feb. 3-5: [Quad Cities Home Builders Home Show](#) (QCCA)
Feb. 14: [Valentine Walk](#) (Watchtower Lodge, Black Hawk State Historic Site, Rock Island)
Feb. 16: [QCA Bridging the Gap's Stand Down For Homeless Veterans](#) (American Legion, 702 W 35th St, Davenport)
Feb. 16: [Bush Construction Presents Martini Shake Off™](#) (RiverCenter)
Feb. 16-18: [GAS Feed & Seed Fest](#) (Village of East Davenport)
Feb. 16-19: [Fishing, Hunting, and Outdoor Adventure Show](#) (QCCA)
Feb. 18: [Family Bird-Watching Trip to Credit Island Park](#)
Feb. 24: [Ruff Life Dog Rescue of Illowa Trivia Night](#) (Knights of Columbus-Davenport)
Feb. 24-26: [RV/Camping Show](#) (QCCA)
Feb. 24-26: [Winter Iowa Senior Games](#) (PepsiCo Recreational Center, Augustana College)
Feb. 25: [Mardi Gras At The Mansion](#) (Hauberg Civic Center, Rock Island)
Feb. 27-March 5: [5th Annual Quad Cities Restaurant Week](#) (Greater Quad Cities)
March 3: [2nd Annual Evening of Hope to Cure SMA](#) (St. Ambrose University Rogalski Center)
March 3-4: [Daytrotter Downs](#) (Daytrotter, Downtown Davenport)
March 4: [TPQC's Annual Red Ribbon Dinner](#) (Radisson Quad City Plaza)
March 9-12: [Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Tournament](#) (iWireless Center)
March 11: [Rock Island-Henry County Pheasants Forever Free Youth Hunt](#) (Boyd's Birds Hunting Preserve, Hillsdale, Illinois)
March 17-18: [St. Patrick's Parade Weekend](#) (Downtown Rock Island, Downtown Davenport)
March 19: [Wick's Lake Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Illinois](#) (Jumer's Casino & Hotel, 777 Jumer Dr, Rock Island)
March 24-26: [Lawn and Garden Show](#) (QCCA)
March 24-26: [National Congress of Old West Shootists](#) (Radisson Quad City Plaza)
March 25: [PaintWar Tour](#) (Davenport)
March 30: [Taco Dinner Fund Raiser for QCA Stand Down](#) (The Viking Club, 1450 41st Street, Moline)
April 1: [Havanna Daydreamn' by The Quad City ParrotHead Club](#) (RiverCenter)
April 9: [19th Annual In-Fisherman Swap Meet](#) (QCCA)
April 16: [QC on Tap](#) (QCCA)
April 23: [9th Annual Bridal Emporium](#) (Jumer's Casino & Hotel, Rock Island)
April 29: [Masquerade: A Rivermont Collegiate Gala](#) (Figge Art Museum)

April 29: [Dr. Seuss Family Concert](#) (Adler Theatre, Davenport)

May 1-6: [Quad Cities Beer Week](#) (Greater Quad Cities)

May 6: [Village in Bloom: Festival of the Arts](#) (Village of East Davenport)

May 13-14: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Figge Art Museum plaza)

May 14-15: [Scott County Kennel Club AKC Dog Show](#) (QCCA)

May 14-19: [NAIA Men's Golf National Championship](#) (TPC Deere Run)

May 29: [Quad Cities Criterium](#) (Village of East Davenport)

May 30-June 3: [Quad Cities Senior Olympics](#) (1800 3rd Avenue, Suite 304, Rock Island)

June 2-3: [Rhubarb Festival](#) (Aledo, Illinois)

June : [Gumbo Ya Ya](#) (The District of Rock Island)

June : [Greek Cultural Fest](#) (Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 4900 Kennedy Drive, East Moline)

June 17-25: [Quad Cities Museum Week](#) (Greater Quad Cities)

June 18: [Ride the River Bike Ride](#) (Mississippi River bike paths)

June 25: [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Butterworth Center)

June 30-July 1: [31st Annual Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, Downtown Davenport)

July 3: [Red, White & Boom!](#) (Downtown Rock Island, Downtown Davenport)

July 4: [Firecracker Run & Parade](#) (East Moline)

July 4: [Bettendorf Old-Fashioned 4th of July](#) (Downtown Bettendorf)

July 10-16: [John Deere Classic PGA Tour](#) (TPC Deere Run)

July 13-15: [Walcott Truckers Jamboree](#) (Iowa 80 Truckstop, Walcott, Iowa)

July 18-22: [Rock Island County Fair](#) (Fairgrounds in East Moline)

July 28-29: [Downtown Street Fest](#) (Downtown Davenport)

July 29: [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Aug. 1-6: [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)

Aug. 3-5: [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (Rhythm City Casino Resort)

Aug. 10-12: [Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa and Port Byron, Illinois)

Aug. : [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District of Rock Island)

Aug. 17-19: [AACA Central Division Fall Meet](#) (Isle Casino Hotel, Bettendorf)

Aug. 19: [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)

Aug. : [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Downtown Davenport)

Aug. 25-26: [River Roots Live](#) (LeClaire Park, Downtown Davenport)

Aug. 26: [Vettes on the River](#) (LeClaire, Iowa)

Aug. 17-19: [AACA Central National Antique Car Show](#) (Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center)

Sept. 2-3: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (The District of Rock Island)

Sept. 9: [QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show](#) (John Deere Pavilion, Moline)

Sept. 9-10: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Sept. 9: [Row the Miss Regatta](#) (Mississippi River in Moline)

Sept. 15-16: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)

Sept. 16: [Taming of the Slough](#) (Empire Park in East Moline)

Sept. 16: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

Sept. 16-17: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Lindsay Park, Village of East Davenport)

Sept. 22-23: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Rock Island County Fairgrounds, East Moline)

Sept. 24: [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (Downtown Moline)

Oct. 8: [Apple Fest](#) (Downtown LeClaire, Iowa)

Oct. 26: [Fright Night](#) (The District of Rock Island)

Oct. 28: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Village of East Davenport)

Oct. 28-29: [Boo at the Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo)

Oct. 28: [Witches Walk & Costume Parade](#) (Downtown LeClaire, Iowa)

Nov. 17-26: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter)

Nov. 18: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)

Dec. 3: [19th Century Christmas](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)

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